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News to Know

FY2026 METHAP/Section 5310 and Public Transportation Ridership Reporting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) sent the FY2026 Public Transportation Ridership Reporting through email on July 13. Reports are **DUE by Aug. 14.**

FY2026 Annual Vehicle Inventory Reporting

MoDOT sent the FY2026 Annual Vehicle Inventory Reporting through email on July 1. Reports are **DUE by Aug. 31**.

Coming soon: FTA Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Call for Projects

MoDOT will release the FTA Section 5311 Rural Public Transit application to the **MoDOT-Transit website** on Aug. 3. Applications are **DUE by Oct. 1**.

Accident Report

Did you know that when a federally funded vehicle has been involved in a roadway incident, regardless of severity, it must be reported to MoDOT? MoDOT has created an Accident Report form that transit agencies must complete. The form can be found on the **MoDOT-Transit website** under "Vehicle Accidents."
Send completed forms for review to **Christy.Evers@modot.mo.gov**.

Vehicle Disposition Form

MoDOT has updated the vehicle disposition form. Transit agencies that receive federally funded vehicles through MoDOT must complete this form when requesting vehicles to be sold, buyback, etc. The use of this form is effective immediately and can be found on the **MoDOT-Transit website** under "Vehicle Dispositions."

Send completed forms for review and processing to **Lisa.Sloan@modot.mo.gov**.

Federal Actions & Updates

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunites (NOFO)

2026: Quarter 2 Newsletter now available

The Federal Transit Administration's Transit Safety Oversight Spotlight is a quarterly newsletter that delivers updates and insights on the world of transit safety.

This newsletter also now serves as the home for FTA's Drug & Alcohol Program, previously found in the FTA Drug & Alcohol Regulation Updates newsletter. Covering everything from safety requirements, processes and training, the TSO Spotlight is the go-to resource for key topics that affect the public transportation industry.

Read the Q2 Issue

Upcoming: FTA Transit Worker Fatigue and Developing Fatigue Risk Management Programs Webinar

FTA will host a webinar on Transit Worker Fatigue and Developing Fatigue Risk Management Programs on **July 22, 2026**. **Click to register** for the webinar.

Show a commitment to rural transit and join the current 415 agencies in taking the **National RTAP Rural Transit Day Pledge**. Help the National RTAP reach their goal of 450 agencies taking the pledge.

Program Analyst for the Office of Transit Oversight presentation

FTA's Matthew DeDonato, Program Analyst for the Office of Transit Safety Oversight, provided an update on personal and workplace safety and security, data trends, lessons learned and building a safety culture at the Northeast Passenger Transportation Association (NEPTA) Conference on June 10. The **presentation slides** are now available.

Updated "Urine Collections Specimen Procedures Guidelines"

The Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance posted an updated **Urine Collection Specimen Procedures Guidelines**. This document has been updated to reflect certain provisions addressed in the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) final rules, published **May 2, 2023**, and **May 11, 2026**. This updated document aligns with President Donald Trump's **Executive Order 14168**.

A listing of the updates to the guidelines can found on the last page of the document. For more information, visit **USDOT Urine Collectors**.

Proposing amendments

FTA is proposing amendments to its **bus testing** regulation. Changes include modifying some definitions, updates to certification of compliance, changing some testing requirements, amending fees and more. Comments must be received by **Aug. 25, 2026.**

USDOT launches Bots Challenge

USDOT Secretary Sean P. Duffy launched the **DOT Bots Challenge**, a new competition inviting individuals and organizations to submit ideas on how robotics can transform our transportation networks. The competition offers cash prizes. The deadline for submissions is **Aug. 10, 2026.**

Priority recommendations for USDOT

In June 2026, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) identified six **priority recommendations** for USDOT to implement, highlighting the following three areas that warrant timely and focused attention: addressing workforce gaps, improving grants management and integrating emerging technologies.

New Fact Sheet for Reducing Assaults on Transit Workers

FTA published the **General Directive 24-1 Effective Mitigation Practices Fact Sheet** based on agency responses to the 2024 **General Directive 24-1: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers**. The mitigation fact sheet discusses the four most commonly used strategies transit agencies reported in their responses, including:

- De-Escalation Training.
- Operator Area Barriers.
- Policies and Procedures.
- Patrols Strategies.

The fact sheet is designed to help improve the understanding of mitigation strategies implemented by transit agencies to reduce assaults on transit workers. Within the fact sheet, there are separate sections covering the challenges and effectiveness of each strategy.

Transit Trivia Time!

What sun-powered transportation experiment in France took a real bad turn in 2016, and didn't end up paving the way for a new eco-friendly infrastructure?

A. Solar Roadway.
B. Rainbow Road.
C. Byron Bay Railroad.

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section.

Upcoming Reporting

July 2026

- Annual Vehicle/Mileage Reporting (Section 5310/5311).
- Annual Insurance Certification (Section 5310/5311).
- Annual Agency Contact Update (Section 5310/5311).
- Annual Ridership (METHAP/Section 5310 and Public Transportation).

Upcoming Conferences

2026 Missouri Transit Conference

Sept. 2-3, 2026 in Columbia, MO

Register for the conference.
Reference the **full agenda** for the list of sessions, speakers and discussions.

For a listing of all National RTAP conferences and other national events, view our **calendar**. Also, see the **FTA Events Calendar**. To submit an event, email **info@nationalrtap.org**.

Trivia Answer: A. Solar Roadway.

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to share what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please send those submissions to **Kelly.Roark-Niederhelm@modot.mo.gov**.

TRAINING RESOURCES

APTAU Learning **Homepage**
Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) **https://ctaa.org/**
Easterseals Project Action **Course Schedule**
FMCSA Drug and Alcohol **https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program**
FTA Drug and Alcohol **https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program**
FTA Webinars and Trainings **Homepage**
Mineta Transportation Institute **Upcoming Webinars**
Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) **https://www.mopublictransit.org**
Missouri RTAP **https://www.mltrc.org/mltrc/About_RTAP.asp**
Multimodal Partner Contact Map **https://www.modot.org/multimodal-partner-contact-map-mode**
National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) **https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/**
National RTAP **https://www.nationalrtap.org/**
National Transit Institute (NTI) **https://www.ntionline.com/**
National Transit Institute's **Current Course Schedule** of Upcoming Training
NCMM **e-Learning Catalogue**
SUMC's Mobility Learning Center **https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/**
TSI Public Transportation **Catalogue**
USDOT Drug and Alcohol **https://www.transportation.gov/odapc**

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